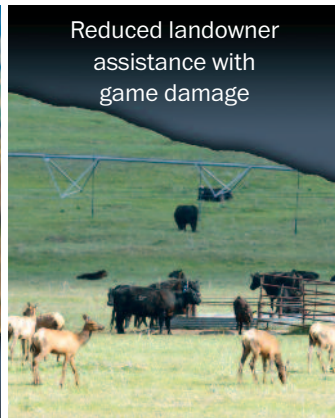
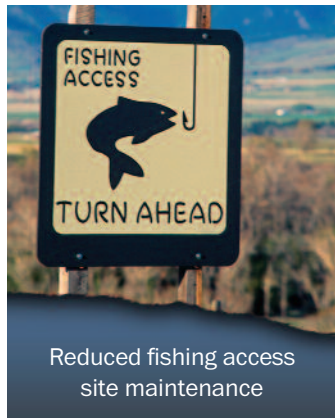


Without action, Montana hunters and anglers may face:



Montana offers opportunities others only dream of. **But will they be there for you?**

Your input is important: Montana FWP faces a budget shortfall. You can help determine the future management of your fish and wildlife resources.

What's the problem?

Montana's fish and wildlife management budget faces a \$5.75 million shortfall.

What's the reason?

FWP is funded almost exclusively by hunters and anglers who annually purchase licenses to hunt and fish. From fuel to fencing—to more than \$4 million in new responsibilities in just the past five years—almost everything costs more than it did a decade ago.

Is this a surprise?

No. When the last resident fee increase was approved by the Montana Legislature FWP said it would last for 10 years—or until now. Since 2012, FWP has cut \$1.2 million in operations costs annually in anticipation of the shortfall.

Potential solutions:

FWP's funding future will be addressed by Montana's Legislature in 2015. Solutions will come down to three choices—in whole or in part:

- A resident hunting and fishing license fee increase
- Further cutting of fish and wildlife management, operations and programs
- Shifting “earmarked” funds away from specific programs

Learn more: scan this smart code or visit:
fwp.mt.gov/Choices2015



A citizens' council recommendation:

A proposal by a governor-approved citizens' council—and later adjusted by a legislative committee—is the minimum needed to maintain your fish and wildlife opportunities at today's levels—and solve most of the funding problem.

The Legislature will consider a bill that boosts the price to fish by \$3 and the price to hunt by \$8. This “\$3/\$8 Solution” would maintain Montana's fish and wildlife conservation programs—and the opportunities you enjoy—through 2021.

\$3 / \$8
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► **Reach out to your Montana State Senator and Representative to voice your choice for the future.**

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